

Soldiers and sailors have performed in the ecological world before arrival in England of two species of birds, rare and rarest—two cockatoos, one called white rhinoceros, "the bird that has probably been but a military specimen in Europe—a somewhat dilapidated and rusty example in the museum at Leyden. One of the new specimens is going to the British Museum. The other has been purchased by public subscription in the University of Cambridge.

According to Colonel Mapleton, Madame Tussaud when in America, travels in a special car, which contains a bath of solid silver. The car is opened by a golden key. It is no slight undertaking in fact to undertake a series of engagements for the great prima donna, for in addition to the lavish expenses incurred, her manager has had £1,000 for her salary for each performance at which she sings, and to guarantee two hundred performances for one tour.

The Berlin police have at last reluctantly refused to give Herr Döre, the inventor of the "bullet-proof" coat, permission to test his invention on himself—at least publicly. Herr Döre has therefore been able only to make experiments on dummies. On Saturday, however, he invited a small number of persons to witness a more visible test. First a bullet was fired from the musket now in use in the German army, a block of oak, which it pierced. Herr Döre then, dressed in his coat, had himself fired at. The bullet remained embedded in the coat. An eye-witness describes the moment as an awful one for the onlookers, who involuntarily closed their eyes. Herr Döre, however, said, "I feel nothing." A second shot was fired at his heart, happily with the same effect. The exciting spectacle ended with quick firing at a horse covered with bullet-proof cloth. The animal went on eating, and only started now and then at the report.

Last month chess-players of the South of England were pitted against those of the North—216 in all—the result being a draw. The match took place in the Lecture Rooms, Baker-street, and the sides were represented by 108 players, who fought against their opponents (one game each) on 10 boards. The first six games began the South scored the first result, soon followed by the North. Even at that point, however, results came quicker, and it became apparent that the South were gaining fast. Now afterwards did the North manage to equalise; and the end proved a victory for the South by sixteen and a half games to forty-three and a half. Considering that the South had London to draw on, and that the Northern players were a long way from home, the result is not discreditable to the North. Last year the first match of the kind took place at Birmingham, when the South only won by a majority of one.

This London and China Express says:—The news that Sir Henry Lock is now on his way to this country almost inevitably gave rise to the rumour that he was about to relinquish his post as Governor and High Commissioner at the Cape. This is as yet uncertain, but it gives some point to the account of the "Celebrity at Home" in last week's *World*, where his imprisonment at Peking with Sir Harry Parkes and others is mentioned. On this writer in the *Pall Mall* also enlarges, which we need not repeat entirely, as the story is doubtless accessible to our readers in many ways, and it is told in the recently-issued *Lifé of Sir Harry Parkes*. In narrating his life in prison Sir Henry Lock said, "There is a small maggot which appears to the Chinese prison; the earth at the depth of a few inches swarms with them, and are the scourge of man, devoured by every poor prisoner." For enter a Chinese jail who have not on their bodies or limbs some worm, either inflicted by blows to which they have been subjected, or caused by the insects in which they have been bound. The instinct of the insects to which I allude appears to lead them direct to these wounds. Bound and helpless, the poor wretch cannot save himself from their approach, although he knows full well that if they once succeed in reaching his lacerated skin there is the certainty of a harsh, lingering, and agonizing death before him. My right-hand neighbour on the bench where we all slept at night was dying from the invasions of these insects; his suffering was great, and the relief his fellow-prisoners could afford was of no avail. The crowded state of the jail brought me in such close contact at night with this poor fellow that our heads rested on the same block of wood not a foot apart. The thought, as I lay pinched and tormented unable to move during the long dark nights, that my fate at any moment might be my own, was at times difficult to bear with calmness, and with that outward appearance of indifference which it was necessary to maintain.

To guard against the horrible pest, Mr. Lock's neck and wrists were every morning carefully washed with a small bag by a couple of prison attendants.

There is now a general substitution of Indian-made for English paper in all Government offices in India. Whereas seven years ago only ordinary printing paper was purchased in India, all paper used in correspondence, as well as all varieties used in the Government press, are now obtained from the local mills. About two years ago, orders were issued to all indenting officers under the Government of Bengal, forbidding the use of English-made writing paper of any kind, and as the instance of the Government of India the practice of using Indian-made paper has been adopted by all the other provinces. The extent to which the Indian paper-making industry has prospered during recent years may be gauged from a statistical abstract that has just been published by the Finance and Commerce Department. Bombay led the way in the paper-making industry with the establishment of the Girgaon mill in 1882 but the culture of the three paper factories now existing in the Western Presidency is considerable. Less than one million lbs. per annum. The three Bengal mills, on the other hand, show an aggregate annual output of about 17 millions lbs., or a mill. In the North-West Provinces, producing nearly five million lbs. and one in Girgaon about two million lbs. During the past seven years the rate of increase has been highly encouraging. In 1882 the aggregate output of the Indian paper mills amounted to about 75 million lbs., in 1887 it had risen to 17 million lbs., and in 1892 to nearly 200 million lbs. There has been apparently no year in which a distinct increase in output has not been registered. The mills now give employment to nearly 8,000 persons, as against a third of that number ten years ago, and the capital invested, now amounting to above 50 lakhs, has doubled itself during the same period. Everything points, indeed, to a great future for the Indian paper-making industry, in connection with the rapid development of the thermometer.

Mr. A. M. McDonald accepted. The resolution was carried unanimously. The shareholders and the management thank the shareholders for their attendance.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AND CHINA.

The directors' report, to the meeting held on the 18th inst., for the year ended Dec. 30, 1893, states:—

After providing for bad and doubtful debts, the net profit, with the addition of £16,855 2s. 10d., brought forward, amount £121,125 12s. 8d., from which the dividends have set aside £13,918 1s. 4d., being the loss incurred in consequence of the closing of the Indian Mint to allow on costs on Oct. 26 last. The interim dividend paid on Oct. 26 last, £33,000, and the available balance is now, therefore, £79,293 17s. 4d., out of which the directors propose that a dividend be declared for the second half of the year, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, free of Income-tax; also that £26,000 be added to the reserve fund, making it £275,000, that £5,000 be written off from the provision account and £5,000 added to officers' superannuation fund, leaving a balance of £16,243 17s. 4d., to be carried forward.

It is stated that if the new experiments with carrier pigeons are successful a larger number of birds will be trained for the purpose of carrying naval despatches. The first result of the experiments—which are being made both at Devonport and Portsmouth—will be at the naval manoeuvres, when the birds will be largely employed to make communication with the shore and with the different sections of the fleet. Experts in pigeon training have reported that there will be no difficulty in realising the purpose of the Admiralty.

It is with deep regret that the directors have to announce the death of their esteemed colleague, Mr. Robert Stewart and Mr. James Whittall. As stated at the internal meeting in October, Sir James Lyde Latimer, K.C.B., was invited to join the Board, and the shareholders are now requested to confirm his election. The directors have also to intimate that they have invited Mr. Alexander Patrick Conacher of Messrs. Maclean, Watson and Co., of Java and London, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Whittall, and the shareholders will be asked to confirm his election, as soon as the deed of settlement permits.

THE BLACK PLAGUE.

LATEST DETAILS.

From the reports that had come to hand at five o'clock this afternoon regarding the plague in Hongkong there was nothing to indicate that the disease is increasing to any alarming degree or even that it is increasing at all. As a matter of fact, one might well be excused for forming the opinion that the disease was losing in its virulence. Thanks to the energetic action of the Sanitary Department, of all the officers presided over by Mr. Bain, Acting Secretary of the Sanitary Board, a most complete record of all cases and deaths has been obtained from day to day, and although in a few cases attempts have been made to avoid the vigilant search of the police and the sanitary inspectors the Chinese, as a rule, are assisting in the detection of cases and the removal of patients to the hospital. The statement which has been given, under public authority, without much foundation, that the disease had attacked the Portuguese community, causing several deaths, does, not, it turns out, receive much credence. One male Portuguese died in Bridges Street to-day from what is believed to be bubonic plague, but that is the only case that has been brought to the notice of the officials of plague amongst the Portuguese. There is no truth in the story that an old man died from plague in the Wanchai District, but amongst the patients who died yesterday was a man living at Tsimshauz. It is supposed that the people with whom the woman lived merely reported to the Sanitary Department that it was a case of plague in order to get the body removed and interred free of cost to them. The house was fumigated in the ordinary course as if it had been a real case of plague.

The statistics for the twenty-four hours to one o'clock to-day are—Admitted to the Hospital, 13; to Kennedy Town Hospital, 12—total, 27. Deaths—On board the *Hippia*, 2; at Kennedy Town, 21. On the 15th there were 27 deaths, and on the 14th inst. 32 deaths; so that the rate of mortality would appear to justify the hope that the disease is less virulent than when it presented itself first discovered. The heavy fall of rain to-day, which must be welcomed by the Water and Sanitary Authorities, is expected to have the effect of reducing the disease by clearing away what is regarded as the primary cause of the disease, the stagnation of filth in the public and houses. Consequently, on the 14th total, 27. Deaths—On board the *Hippia*, 2; at Kennedy Town, 21. On the 15th there were 27 deaths, and on the 14th inst. 32 deaths; so that the rate of mortality would appear to justify the hope that the disease is less virulent than when it presented itself first discovered. 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BANKS, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK CORP. 80,000 \$ 125 all 93 % prem., sales

NEW ISSUE, Bank of China, Japan and Straits, 99,875 \$ 10.5 1.15 nom.

14,250 \$ 16.5 1.25 buyers

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NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD. 5,000 \$ 2.5 2.5 170

STRaits INSURANCE CO., LTD. 30,000 \$ 10.5 20 125, sales and sellers

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY CO., LTD. 10,000 \$ 25 2 131, sellers

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD. 6,000 \$ 6 73

FIRE INSURANCES, CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. 30,000 \$ 10 78, sellers

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. 8,000 \$ 25 184, sellers

STRaits FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. 20,000 \$ 10 212, sellers

DOCKS, HONGKONG & WHARF DOCK CO., LTD. 12,500 \$ 125 all 87 % prem., buyers

CHINA AND MANILA S. S. CO., LTD. 5,000 \$ 50 all 163, nom.

DOUGLAS SHIPMENT CO., LIMITED. 20,000 \$ 5 448, buyers

H.K. O. AND M. STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. 60,000 \$ 2 162, buyers

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Kowloon Land and Building Company. 6,000 \$ 5 3 10, sales

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HONGKONG, February 26, 1894.

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